

I. **Listing of Claims**

Please amend the claims as follows:

CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) A suspension device for the load-bearing and resilient support of a wheel in a motor vehicle, comprising at least one spring cylinder with a piston~~[[,]]~~ which is guided in a manner moveable relative to ~~[[it]]~~ the piston in a pressure cylinder, a driving device for converting pivoting movements of a wheel oscillating-crank supporting arm, which movements oscillate about an oscillating-crank axis, into ~~[[the]]~~ relative movements between the pressure cylinder and the piston, the piston acting counter to an elastically compressible spring medium ~~(FM)~~ in order to produce a load-bearing supporting spring force ~~(F)~~, and having a damping device for damping ~~[[the]]~~ suspension movements wherein the damping device has a separate circuit of a hydraulic damping medium ~~(DM)~~, which circuit is independent of the spring cylinder and the spring medium ~~(FM)~~.
4. (Previously Presented) The suspension device according to claim 3 wherein the driving device is designed as a gearwheel mechanism.
5. (Currently Amended) The suspension device according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 4 wherein the gearwheel mechanism comprises a gearwheel element, which is connected or can be connected to the oscillating-crank supporting arm and is

mounted in a rotating manner about the oscillating-crank axis and has at least a partial peripheral toothing, and a rack element which is connected to the piston or to the pressure cylinder .

6. (Currently Amended) The suspension device according to claim [[2]] 3 wherein the damping device has at least one damper cylinder having a damper piston which is guided in a manner moveable relative to ~~[[it]]~~ the damper piston in the damper cylinder, and at least one damper valve, which is connected hydraulically to the damper cylinder.

7. (Currently Amended) The suspension device according to claim [[2]] 3 wherein the damping device interacts with the same driving device as the spring cylinder.

8. (Previously Presented) The suspension device according to claim 6 wherein the spring cylinder, on the one hand, and the damper cylinder, on the other hand, are driven by a common rack element of the gearwheel mechanism.

9. (Currently Amended) The suspension device according to claim 6 wherein one or more of the spring cylinders is driven by a first rack element and the at least one or more of the damper cylinders cylinder is driven by a second rack element, the rack elements being arranged ~~in-particular~~ essentially parallel to each other on diametrically opposite sides of the gearwheel element of the gearwheel mechanism.

10. (Currently Amended) The suspension device according to claim [[1]] 3 wherein the at least one spring cylinder includes a first spring cylinder and a second spring cylinder, the first and second spring cylinders are ~~at least one additional spring cylinder which is~~ driven by the same driving device.

11. (Currently Amended) The suspension device according to claim 10 wherein the second ~~additional~~ spring cylinder is driven in a manner acting identically with respect to the first spring cylinder ~~(40)~~, so that the partial supporting forces produced by the first and second spring cylinders ~~(40)~~ add up to form the overall supporting force ~~(F)~~ for the suspension device.

12. (Currently Amended) The suspension device according to claim 10 ~~wherein~~ the second ~~additional~~ spring cylinder is driven in each case in an opposed manner with respect to the first spring cylinder, so that the overall supporting force ~~(F)~~ arises from the difference of two partial forces.

13. (Currently Amended) The suspension device according to Claim [[1]] 3 wherein the spring medium ~~(FM)~~ is an elastically compressible liquid, such as includes ~~silicone or the like~~, having a compressibility of at least 10% by volume, the spring medium ~~(FM)~~ being contained directly in one or more of the spring cylinders or in a storage reservoir connected to the spring cylinder.

14. (Currently Amended) The suspension device according to claim [[1]] 3 wherein the spring medium ~~(FM)~~ is contained as a gas in a hydropneumatic spring energy store, one or more of the spring cylinders acting indirectly counter to the

spring medium (~~FM~~) via a hydraulic medium (~~HM~~).

15. (Currently Amended) The suspension device according to claim [[2]] 3 wherein at least one damping valve is arranged in the circuit of the hydraulic damping medium (~~HM~~).

16. (Currently Amended) The suspension device according to claim [[2]] 3 wherein the damping device has two damper cylinders having cylinder spaces which can be changed in volume to the same extent in opposite directions in each case, the hydraulic damping medium (~~DM~~) in each case flowing ~~to-and-fro~~ between the two cylinder spaces and, in the process, via a damping valve during the suspension movements.

17. (Currently Amended) The suspension device according to claim [[2]] 3 wherein the damping device has a tank [[]] which is incorporated into the damping circuit.

18. (Currently Amended) The suspension device according to claim [[1]] 4 wherein the gearwheel drive is arranged in a housing space, the housing space being incorporated into the ~~damping separate~~ circuit of the hydraulic damping medium and, for this purpose, being at least partially filled with the hydraulic damping medium (~~DM~~).

19. (Currently Amended) The suspension device according to claim [[1]] 3 wherein at least one hydropneumatic spring energy store having a freely moveable

separating piston which separates a storage space, which is connected hydraulically to the spring cylinder and contains a hydraulic medium (HM), from a spring chamber containing the gaseous spring medium (FM).

20. (Currently Amended) The suspension device according to claim 19 wherein the separating piston can be acted upon by a counter pressure, on its side facing away from the spring chamber, independently of the pressure of the hydraulic medium (HM).

21. (Currently Amended) The suspension device according to claim 20 wherein the separating piston has a piston rod which extends axially through the storage space and, in a manner sealed by an intermediate wall, into a pressure space, it being possible for the piston rod to be acted upon by the in-particular pneumatic counter pressure in the pressure space .

22. (Currently Amended) The suspension device according to claim [[1]] 6 wherein a hydraulic end position damping, in particular with at least one travel-dependent, hydraulic throttle device, which is integrated in the spring cylinder or in the damper cylinder, in such a manner that a braking of the suspension movements is ensured in each case toward [[the]] an end of the movement stroke before a mechanical end stop is reached.

23. (Currently Amended) The suspension device according to claim [[2]] 3 wherein the damping device has an additional device in such a manner that small suspension movements on both sides of a static position are virtually undamped

while damping starts automatically only after a certain spring travel.

24. (Currently Amended) The suspension device according to claim [[2]] 3 wherein the damping device causes a damping in [[the]] a rebound direction and, if appropriate, also in [[the]] a compression direction.

25. (Previously Presented) The suspension device according to claim 24 wherein the damping cylinder is designed as a double-action piston/cylinder unit with a first pressure space and a second pressure space, the first and second pressure spaces being connected to a separate damping valve in each case.

26. (Currently Amended) The suspension device according to claim [[1]] 3 wherein a hydraulic ride-height-adjusting device ~~in such a manner that~~ changes a static vehicle ride height ~~can be changed~~ by feeding hydraulic medium (HM) into or letting it out from [[the]] a spring circuit in fluid communication with the spring cylinder.

27. (Currently Amended) The suspension device according to claim [[2]] 3 wherein a device for changing the damping characteristic, it being possible for at least one adjustable damping valve to be briefly acted upon via a switching valve by a load-dependent, control pressure.